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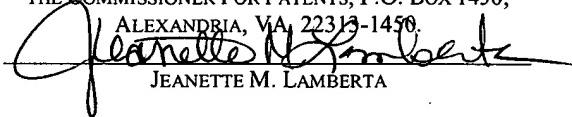
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/612,182, filed June 30, 2003, entitled "GEL ORGANOSOL INCLUDING AMPHIPATHIC COPOLYMERIC BINDER HAVING SELECTED MOLECULAR WEIGHT AND LIQUID TONERS FOR ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS" (SAM0012/US);

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/612,058, filed June 30, 2003, entitled "GEL ORGANOSOL INCLUDING AMPHIPATHIC COPOLYMERIC BINDER HAVING ACID/BASE FUNCTIONALITY AND LIQUID TONERS FOR ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS" (SAM0013/US); and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/612,444, filed June 30, 2003, entitled "GEL ORGANOSOL INCLUDING AMPHIPATHIC COPOLYMERIC BINDER HAVING CROSSLINKING FUNCTIONALITY AND LIQUID TONERS FOR ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC APPLICATIONS" (SAM0015/US).

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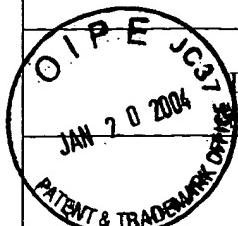
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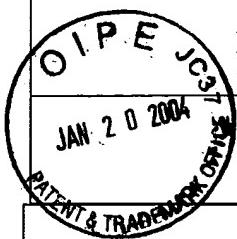
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